



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

St John's Elementary
Darlington

Grades: PK-5

Enrollment: 676

Principal: Jean B. Taylor

Superintendent: Dr. Rainey H. Knight

Board Chair: Connell Delaine

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2009	Average	Average	TBD	TBD	Met	CA-DELAY
2008	Below Average	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CA
2007	Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CSI

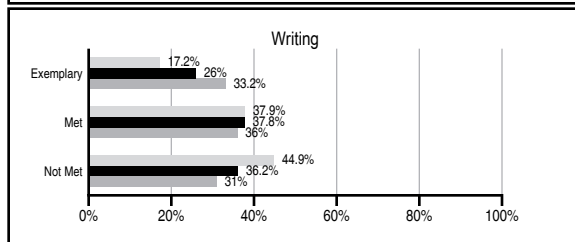
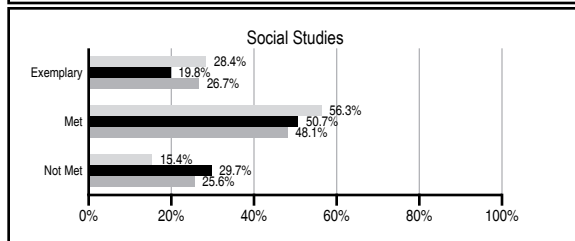
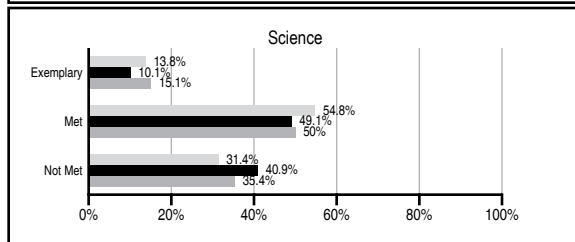
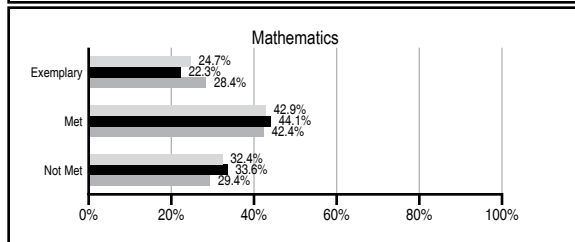
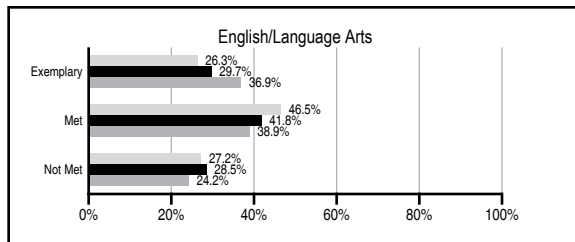
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	8	94	18	1

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 06/01/2010. Schools with Students Like Ours are Elementary Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

PASS PERFORMANCE

Our School Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours Elementary schools statewide



NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.

READING – GRADE 4 (2007)

South Carolina	41	33	20	5
Nation	34	34	24	7
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced				
Below Basic Basic Proficient Advanced				

MATH – GRADE 4 (2007)

South Carolina	20	44	31	5
Nation	19	43	33	5
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced				
Below Basic Basic Proficient Advanced				

SCIENCE – GRADE 4 (2005)

South Carolina	36	39	23	2
Nation	34	39	25	2
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced				
Below Basic Basic Proficient Advanced				

SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

2010 Goal:

By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

2020 Vision:

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

Abbreviations Key

N/A Not Applicable N/AV Not Available N/C Not Collected N/R Not Reported I/S Insufficient Sample TBD To be determined

NI Newly Identified CSI Continuing School Improvement CA Corrective Action RP Plan to Restructure R Restructure DELAY School Improvement Status HOLD School Improvement Status

St John's Elementary [Darlington]

SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n=676)				
Retention rate	3.9%	Down from 4.7%	2.4%	1.9%
Attendance rate	96.1%	No Change	96.1%	96.3%
Eligible for gifted and talented	3.0%	Down from 4.2%	7.2%	10.0%
With disabilities other than speech	9.7%	Down from 10.2%	9.2%	7.7%
Older than usual for grade	1.0%	Down from 2.0%	0.7%	0.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.1%	Up from 0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=43)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	48.8%	Down from 55.8%	57.1%	59.4%
Continuing contract teachers	74.4%	Down from 90.7%	81.6%	80.0%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	82.2%	Down from 87.5%	85.7%	85.9%
Teacher attendance rate	94.4%	No Change	95.0%	95.1%
Average teacher salary*	\$46,065	Down 4.1%	\$46,531	\$47,149
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	Down from 2.8%	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	15.7 days	Up from 14.5 days	12.2 days	11.1 days
School				
Principal's years at school	18.0	Up from 17.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	22.9 to 1	Up from 20.8 to 1	18.5 to 1	18.8 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.8%	Up from 89.5%	90.0%	90.4%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	No Change	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,935	Up 10.6%	\$7,600	\$7,458
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	70.1%	Down from 72.3%	68.6%	68.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	65.8%	Down from 71.2%	62.1%	63.2%
% of AYP objectives met	100.0%	Up from 61.9%	100.0%	100.0%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.
** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	41	104	60
Percent satisfied with learning environment	97.6%	81.6%	83.1%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	92.7%	75.2%	84.7%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	72.5%	78.2%	81.4%

*Only students at the highest elementary school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

St. John's Elementary, a Title I school, had a productive 2008-2009 school year. The school worked collaboratively with parents and the community to promote excellence in academics, athletics, attendance, attitude, and the arts. Balanced literacy instruction, literacy groups, math RIT band groups, Accelerated Reader, Waterford, Wilson, and Success Maker programs encouraged our students to become independent readers. Fifty-one students were invited to attend the All-A Banquet. Three students made all "A" report cards throughout their elementary years. One student was recognized for having perfect attendance in grades K-5. Honor roll students were recognized quarterly. Student and class projects were displayed in the annual Science Fair. An SJE student earned the State Writing Award at the school. The St. John's Singers, under the direction of Sylvia Puffer, were invited to perform at the Christmas on the Square Celebration. The student body supported the community with the annual Christmas Canned Food Drive and the St. Jude's Math-a-thon. Student Council provided leadership opportunities for students. Student Marshals and the Flag Corps teams helped to develop students' leadership skills. Our Beta Club competed in state convention activities and sponsored community projects.

Ongoing staff development opportunities, including Thinking Maps, Test View, MAP, ELA, and Math, helped teachers improve their instructional skills. PBIS continued to be implemented to encourage appropriate behavior among students. Tracie Lewis was selected Teacher of the Year; Rosanna Dudley was chosen Assistant of the Year; and Jessie Addison was named Educator of the Year. Morning math and reading tutorial services were provided for students. Two Success Maker labs provided ELA and math daily for students in grades 1-5.

St. John's Elementary received the district's Five Star Award for the second consecutive year. St. John's Elementary was accredited through SACS/CASI, a division of AdvancEd. The Association of Parents and Teachers, the School Improvement Council, and numerous business partners worked to improve the school. The APT purchased agendas, playground equipment and recognized Honor Roll students. St. John's Elementary continued its tradition of excellence, serving the Darlington community since 1818.

Jean B. Taylor, Principal
Martha Bridgeman, School Improvement Council Chairperson

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